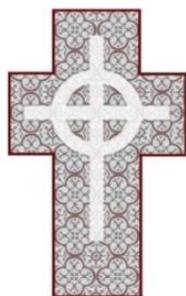


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# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 37:12-14*

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 129. R. v.7*

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:8-11*

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**SING:** *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## GOSPEL

*John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45*

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the

house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

*'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'*

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

*'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'*

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

# NOTICES

## REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

This Gospel tells us that Our Lord was moved with compassion in an almost violent way, raging against the seeming finality of death. The raising of Lazarus was a demonstration of his power to rob death of its supposed supremacy. But, Our Lord did not set Lazarus completely free! You may think that to be raised from the dead was not a bad start, but Lazarus was still shuffling: bound, constrained, constricted by the past. To those gathered around the tomb Jesus issued the command: 'Set him free, unbind him.' It was the collective effort of others which enabled Lazarus to walk as a liberated son of God.

You may find yourself commanded by the Lord to help unbind a person who has had a deadening experience, which has drained them of life. We get the courage to respond because it is the command of the One who definitively conquered death. We could pause for a moment to resolve to help liberate others already helped by the grace of Him whom we believe to be the Resurrection and the Life.

## *A Message from Monsignor Peter Meneely*

We are preparing for a Holy Week like no other. The days of Holy Week and the Triduum are central to the liturgical life of the Church and at the time of printing this newsletter are to be celebrated this year under the present restrictions; without a congregation. You will be invited to unite yourselves when the ceremonies are celebrated by praying with the readings and the prayers of the ceremony.

The Archbishop will celebrate the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday morning at 10am. He has asked the people of the Archdiocese to join him via the live stream through the Archdiocesan website [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw). This will also include the renewal of presbyteral commitment.

As you would be aware, the Government Regulations in place due to the COVID19 are changing each day. Since early this week, the Church has had to remain closed until further notice. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also not be available until further notice. On request, only Priests will take communion to the sick.

As mentioned last week, we will be posting updates and a weekly newsletter on the Parish Website and residents of St Luke's Green will receive a copy in their letterbox. If you know of any parishioners who may need assistance with communication from the parish, please ask them to contact the parish office.

I keep you all in my prayers.

*Monsignor Peter*

## PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

*from Archbishop Mark Coleridge*

*Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.  
Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.*

## WATCH MASS

You can watch Mass at home on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sundays.

Alternatively, join online for the live Mass broadcast via the Cathedral of St Stephen: 12.30pm weekdays, 8.00am and 10.00am on Sunday at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw). You can also watch earlier Masses recorded on the same website.

## CATHOLIC LEADER NEWS

The online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be extended to all parishioners **for free** during this time. Keep faith with the Leader at [www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au).

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## SUPPORT ST LUKE'S

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times. Please keep helping our parish community by continuing your weekly offering via direct debit. Call the Archdiocesan Development Fund at 3324 3777 to find out how.

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